Monday July the 30th 1716

U. H. J.

The Upper House Sate Present

His Excellency the Governour

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 $\begin{array}{c} \text{The Honble} \; \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Col $W^{m}$ Holland} \\ \text{$L^{t}$ Col $Sam^{l}$ Young} \\ \text{Col Tho' Ennalls} \end{array} \right\} \; \begin{array}{c} \text{Col Tho' Addison} \\ \text{Col $W^{m}$ Whittington} \\ \text{$L^{t}$ Col $R^{d}$ Tilghman} \end{array}$ Iohn Hall Esq

| Col Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith

A Letter from Mr Richard Rudyard a Roman Catholick in London to his son Richd in this Province was Read wherein after Mr Rudyard had Signifyed to his son that Mr Lowe one of the Secretarys of this Province had promised him that he & the other Secretary of this Province would write to Mr Lloyd the Deputy Secretary to prefer him to a County Clerks place upon the first Vacancy

There is a Paragraph thus: The King has Shewn a great deal of mercy in pardoning several of the Rebels which endears him much to the people & all come in & take the Oaths voluntarily & amongst the Rest several Romans of note, and more will do, [so] that if this Office should happen to be offered to you I would not have you lose it on Account of not qualifying yourself for that nicety is all over in England

Upon Consideration whereof It is the opinion of this House that It will not be proper Mr Lloyd Should on a Vacancy of a County Clerk's place confer one on the sd Rd Rudyard j' who purely offers to take the Oaths only for sake of a place

Col Mackall & five more brought from the Lower House p. 227 the Draught of the Address of the Upper & Lower Houses to the Lord Proprietary & his Guardian as followeth Viz.

To the Rt Honble Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c And to the R' Hon' Francis Lord Guilford for & on his Behalf

The humble Address & Application of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly of this your Province of Maryland now sitting

May It please your Lordship

As we have great Reason to be thankfull to Almighty God for reconciling the mind of your decd Father of Noble memory to the Principles of the Church of England, So the hopes we have of your Lordship's continuing Stedfast in the same Communion have laid us under an obligation of Congratulating with all Sincerity your Lordship's happy Accession to the Dominions of your noble Ancestors